

Virgin Islands Department of Labor
PY2008 Workforce Information Grant
Annual Performance Report

A. Accomplishments:

- **Continue to Populate the Workforce Information Database**

The Virgin Islands developed, built out, and completed installation of the Workforce Information data base. The data base continues to be populated with data that will be used to provide workforce information for the Virgin Islands. All core tables have been populated and ready for analysis. The database content continues to be updated with State data as it becomes available and ready for publication.

- **Produce and disseminate industry and occupational employment projections:**

Through collaboration with the State WIB, a contractor was hired to assist in developing projections for the Virgin Islands industry and occupational employment. This report will be available for dissemination and posting to the VI Labor Market Basket in the 2nd quarter of PY2009.

- **Publish an annual economic analysis report for the Governor and the WIB.**

An annual economic analysis report was submitted to the Governor and the chairman of the WIB. This report outlined the most current economic data for the Territory. The report outlined the economic landscape for the past five years (2003-2007), and provided a labor force analysis to include participation rates and annual growth rates. Also included in the report were analyses of the Virgin Islands industries and their growth rates in accordance with NAICS classification, which detailed the gross pay and employment by sectors. Another section in the report was an occupational review from OES (Occupational Employment Statistics) data.

- **Post product information on the Internet**

A new portal has been developed and named VI Labor Market Basket; this web based application will provide a portal for dynamically displaying the Virgin Islands workforce information to all stakeholders. This system allows for online analytical processing of information and provides capabilities of downloading data sets from the core ALMIS/WID infrastructure. Publications, data, and eventually video will become part of this system to provide a complete system for getting labor economic data within the Territory.

- **Partner and consult with the WIB**

The VIDOL's Labor Market unit continually partners with the state WIB and provides support, consultation, and services. Projects that were started with collaborating with the economic research branches of the government are continuing in PY2008. The recent ARRA legislation has transitioned into talks on development of the "Greening of the Economy", model. This expansion will provide information on how the VI's landscape is shifting into green jobs and industries as projects come online in the future.

- **Conduct special studies and economic analyses**

The Virgin Islands has not conducted any special studies in PY2008

B. Customer Consultation

Consultation with customers is based on a case by case scenario. During PY2008, labor market analyst fielded numerous calls and provided ongoing assistance to customers within the Virgin Islands for information on the Labor Market.